

THE HONORABLE JEFFREY M. RAMSDELL

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

State of Washington,)	Nos.	07-1-08717-2 SEA
)		07-1-08716-4 SEA
Plaintiff,)		
)		ORDER ON
vs.)		MEDIA COVERAGE
)		
Michelle Anderson and)		
Joseph McEnroe,)		
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Defendants.)		
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The purpose of this Order is (1) to establish media rules for all proceedings held in open court in this matter so as to allow the media reasonable access, and (2) to preserve the dignity and order of those proceedings.

This Order is intended to supplement and not supplant the Order of Judge Cheryl Carey entered on January 9, 2008.

**AT ALL TIMES ALL MEDIA PERSONNEL SHALL TURN OFF ANY
AND ALL CELLULAR PHONES, WATCH ALARMS, PAGERS, BEEPER
DEVICES, AND ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE LIKELY TO
DISRUPT PROCEEDINGS WHILE COURT IS IN SESSION.**

Information regarding future court dates and other related matters can be found at <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcsc/rulings/statevanderson.htm>

CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT

1. For purposes of this Order, unless otherwise defined, “camera” includes still cameras, television cameras, and all other video recording devices, including hand-held electronic devices, and cellular phones with recording features.

“Television camera” includes video cameras and all other video or moving picture recording devices. “Photograph” includes still photography, televising, and videotaping, and images taken with other hand-held and cellular phone devices.

2. Camera and recording device operators must be representatives of the media who have obtained the prior permission of the Court. Camera and recording device operators must be familiar with the published Bench-Bar-Press Guidelines and with the contents of this Order, and shall abide by such Guidelines and Order.

3. Only one television camera will be allowed in the Courtroom. That one television camera shall be the “pool” camera and shall share its video feed with media requesting the same. The one television camera shall be on a tripod in a fixed location designated by the Court prior to commencement of the proceedings.

4. The operator of the television pool camera must arrive at least thirty minutes before the start of the hearing and shall identify him- or herself to the Court’s bailiff. Selection of the television pool camera shall first be made by agreement of all television camera operators appearing at the hearing. If there is no agreement twenty

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minutes prior to the start of the hearing then the Court shall assign the television pool camera position to an operator on a 'first come, first served' basis.

5. No fixed or mounted television cameras shall be allowed in the north-south corridor area directly outside of W813 as their presence would restrict and impede the safe flow and access to and from that Courtroom.

6. The Court will permit the Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer to have one still camera each in the Courtroom. These two still cameras shall be the only still cameras allowed in the Courtroom. These two cameras shall be "pool" cameras and shall share their pictures with other media representatives requesting the same, including the Associated Press (AP). The still cameras shall be positioned as designated by the Court prior to the proceedings and may not move through the Courtroom during the hearing.

7. The photographers from the Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer must arrive at least ten minutes before the start of the hearing and shall identify themselves to the Court's bailiff. If either or both fail to arrive in a timely manner, or decline to attend, their positions will be assigned to other still photographers on a 'first come, first served' basis.

8. No fixed or mounted still cameras shall be allowed in the north-south corridor area directly outside of W813 as their presence would restrict and impede the safe flow and access to and from that Courtroom.

9. No camera shall focus on the papers, exhibits, or other documents of counsel in such a manner that the contents of these materials can be read or otherwise

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discerned by the viewer. This restriction does not apply to documents displayed in open Court while Court is in session.

10. Sidebar conferences shall not be recorded or photographed.

11. No flashbulbs, strobe lights, or other artificial lights shall be used anywhere in the Courtroom.

12. Any necessary cables or similar equipment shall run through the Courtroom and Courthouse hallways in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of the Courtroom or the Courthouse.

13. “Pooling” arrangements for cameras and other equipment are the sole responsibility of the media. In the absence of a media agreement on disputed equipment or personnel issues, the Court may exclude all contesting media from a proceeding in this matter.

14. No camera or recording device shall be permitted in the Courtroom without the express permission of the Court.

15. If a particular participant in a proceeding wishes not to be photographed, the attorneys will bring that to the attention of the Court. If the court determines that a participant should not be photographed in the Courtroom, camera operators shall abide by the Court’s direction. Otherwise, camera operators will be free to photograph anyone who participates in this proceeding, subject to the other requirements of this Order.

16. Equipment used in the Courtroom shall be operated in a “quiet” or “silent” mode so as not to interfere, distract or disrupt court proceedings in any manner.

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17. Equipment shall not produce distracting sound or light. Motorized drives, moving lights, flash attachments, or sudden lighting changes shall not be used.

18. Camera equipment, including television and other video recording equipment, shall not be placed in, set-up, adjusted, or broken down in the Courtroom, nor removed from the Courtroom, while Court is in session.

19. Any camera, radio, or recording equipment that is permitted in the Courtroom shall operate only while the Court is in session on the record.

20. Reporters may not use personal tape recorders even for note-taking purposes when Court is in session.

GENERAL RULES

21. No media interviews of any type shall take place inside of Courtroom W813.

22. Media representatives are expected to present a neat appearance in keeping with the dignity of the Court, and to be sufficiently familiar with Court proceedings to conduct themselves so as not to interfere with the proceedings, or to distract counsel, participants, or the Court.

23. Coverage of the proceedings shall be subject to the continuing supervision of the Court. Any violation of the Court's Media Order is an unlawful interference with the proceedings of the Court, and may be the basis for an order terminating media coverage, a citation for contempt of court, or an order imposing monetary or other sanctions as provided by law.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 200__.

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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Ramsdell
Judge, King County Superior Court

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